



MONTHLY REPORT NOVEMBER 2017

Commercial and Recreational Fisheries

- Commercial catches continue to be consistent, and shellfishermen are spreading out around the harbor to harvest. Every area is productive this year.
- Recreational fishing is still concentrated at Indian Neck as the oysters are doing so well there.
- Boats are catching a variety of species, such as bay scallops, blood clams and oysters.

Enforcement

- More than 120 grant inspections have been completed. All will be done by the end of the year.
- One seed infraction warning was issued to a wild commercial harvester.
- New Responsibility: Deputy Constable Chris Manulla is patrolling weekly by boat and monitoring commercial draggers more closely.

State and Town Relations

- The hard work of Wellfleet shellfishermen to monitor oyster exposure time, use plenty of ice and deliver oysters immediately to market paid off. MADMF reported only two cases of vibrio from Wellfleet in its six-month control plan, a 0% occurrence! 4,371,705 Wellfleet oysters were sold during this time period = \$2,426,048 in local shellfishermen's pockets.
- The Shellfish and Harbormaster Dept.s of Eastham and Wellfleet are cooperating and communicating regularly, especially regarding the town line and commercial fishermen harvesting by boat. Wellfleet is allowing two Eastham fishing vessels to unload at the pier.
- After BOS vote to eliminate old Shellfish Dept. offices on Mayo Beach, we removed all important equipment and archives. We will now need a work space for our propagation preparations.
- Shellfish Constable Nancy Civetta helped Brian Carlson with a Mass. Cultural Council Cultural Facilities Fund proposal to renovate and expand current Shellfish Dept. offices.
- One shellfish grant transfer was made.
- Sample dredging support letter from shellfishermen crafted with Shellfish Advisory Board.

Propagation

- Shellfish Constable and Assistant Constable John Mankevetch made a presentation to Wellfleet SPAT, which gave a \$12,000 grant for our Spring 2018 seed purchase
- 10 loads of sea clam cultch delivered total – end of budget
- Cultch barge RFP distributed – deadline Dec. 8

Education & Outreach

- Shellfish Constable participated in the State of Wellfleet Harbor Conference on Nov. 4, and the local Comprehensive Plan workshop on Nov.18.
- Deputy Constable updated our website to include important links for all people doing business as shellfishermen in town.
- Media (Shellfish Constable quoted in each.)
 - Miller, Ed. The Provincetown Banner. "[Mayo Beach shellfish shack in Wellfleet will be torn down](#)," November 1, 2017.
 - Bragg, Mary Ann. Cape Cod Times. "[Wellfleet sees 'glimmers of light' for harbor dredge](#)," November 5, 2017.
 - Miller, Ed. The Provincetown Banner. "[Sustainability issues are all connected, workshop finds](#)," November 27, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
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